

[] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

3. The prior application is assigned of record to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
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4. A verified statement that this filing is by small entity:

[] is enclosed.

[] has been filed in the parent application (or an earlier application in a chain of copending applications under 35 USC 120) and such status is still proper and desired.

5. The filing fee is calculated below.

	Number Filed		Number extra	Rate	Fee
Total claims	3	-20	0	x \$18	0
Independent claims	1	-3	0	x \$80	0
Multiple dependent claims (if any)				\$270	0
Basic Fee				\$710	\$710
Total Filing Fee (large entity)					\$710.00
Total Filing Fee (50% reduction for small entity, if applicable)					

6. Payment

[X] A check in the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed.

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7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this communication, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

8. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a [] continuation [x] division of copending application Serial No. 09/128,121, filed August 3, 1998 -- -- Now Patent No. 6,254,845 --

9. Priority of the following foreign application(s) is claimed under 35 USC §119:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
9-210266	8/5/97	Japan
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